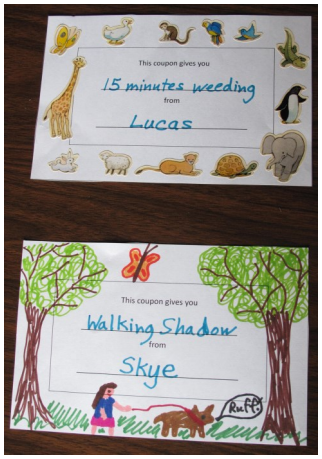
Learn by Doing

Choice In the Image of God

Human beings were created in the image and likeness of God. We honor our likeness to Him when we try to love other people and live in charity with them. In this activity, children create "coupons" for helpful or kind acts that they will do for others.

1. On the sixth day of creation, God said "Let us make man[kind] in our own image, according to our likeness…." What does this mean? (God is human. We look like Him, and we can learn about Him and choose to try to be like Him or not.)
2. The Lord loves everyone and wants to make everyone happy. We can try to be like the Lord by doing loving things for other people that we hope will make them happy.
3. Let's brainstorm some ways that you can be helpful or kind to someone else, for example, your mom or dad. Do they like hugs, pictures you make or when you do a job without being asked? (Allow children to brainstorm ideas. After several, ask them about what they could do to make other specific people in their lives happy, e.g. grandparents, siblings, friends, a neighbor, etc.)
4. Hand out a coupon page to each child and read the sentence aloud. Explain that they are going to make coupons to give to two people offering to do something kind or helpful for them. They can choose any two people that they want. Have them write in the action they are offering to do and then sign their name below. Help younger children with writing as needed.
5. Cut out the coupons. Decorate the borders as you wish. Choose decorations you think the person who will receive the coupon will like. Let dry before putting in an envelope or bag (*optional*) to take home.
6. Remember to give your coupons to the people you made them for! It's exiting to imagine how happy they will be. When we do our best to try to love other people and make them happy, we make the Lord happy. And, in the end, this is what will make us truly happy, as well.



Materials Needed

copy of the *In the Image of God Coupons* p. 2 for each child; scissors; pencils or pens; glue; decorations such as stickers, sequins, glitter, fake gems, buttons, pressed flowers, etc. (alternatively, provide markers to draw decorative borders)

optional: large envelope or bag to take coupons home

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